

REMARKS

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 44 and 45 are rejected under same invention type double patenting. The Applicant disagrees, especially in view of the amendments presented herein. Claim 44 is herein allowable as not reciting the same invention as that of US 6,713,590.

Claims 44-60 (now claims 44 and 48-60) are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of US 6,713,590. The Applicant respectfully disagrees, but in order to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is attached for review.

Claim 44 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 20 and 21 of US 6,423,811. The Applicant respectfully disagrees, but in order to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is attached for review.

Claims 44-60 (now claims 44 and 48-60) are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of US 6,423,811. The Applicant respectfully disagrees, but in order to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is attached for review.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

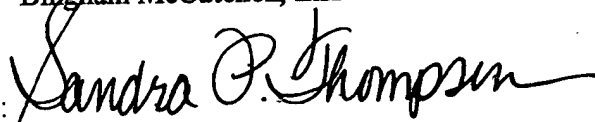
Claims 44 and 48-60 are pending in this application, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all of the claims in light of the arguments presented and allow all current and pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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